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Starfish Space

Affordable and Available Satellite Servicing

Austin Link, Co-Founder

Commercial Space Lecture Series

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The Otter Space Tug

Affordable and available satellite servicing.

Maintaining LEO constellations.

Maximizing GEO satellites.



**Active Life
Extension**



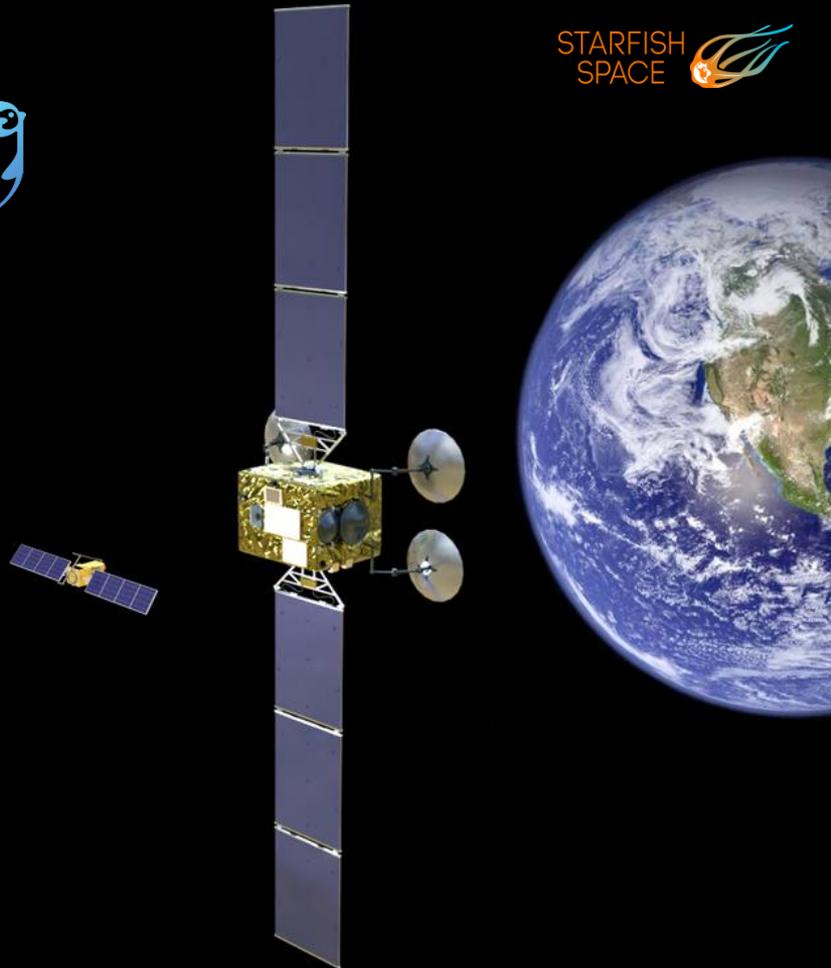
**Space Debris
Removal**



**Autonomous
Interaction**



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Starfish Team

Company Resume

- ✓ Founded by former **Blue Origin and NASA** engineers
- ✓ Raised **\$7.3 Million** in venture capital from NFX, MaC VC, PSL Ventures, Boost VC, and others
- ✓ Won a **\$1.7 Million** Space Force Pitch Day contract
- ✓ Pursuing market valued at **\$6.2 Billion** through 2030
- ✓ RPOD demonstration scheduled for **2023**



Trevor Bennett, Co-Founder

Blue Origin
NASA (JPL and Goddard)
Colorado (PhD, Aerospace)



Austin Link, Co-Founder

Blue Origin
Lockheed Martin
Purdue (M.S., Aerospace)
Stanford (B.S., Physics)

21 Team Members:

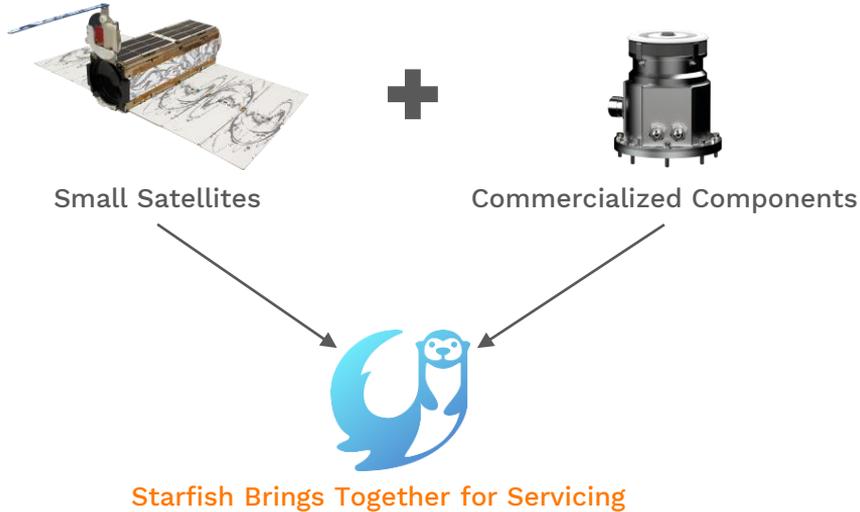
15 Engineers
14 Graduate Degrees
10 Former Founders
5 Together at Purdue

With Experience At:

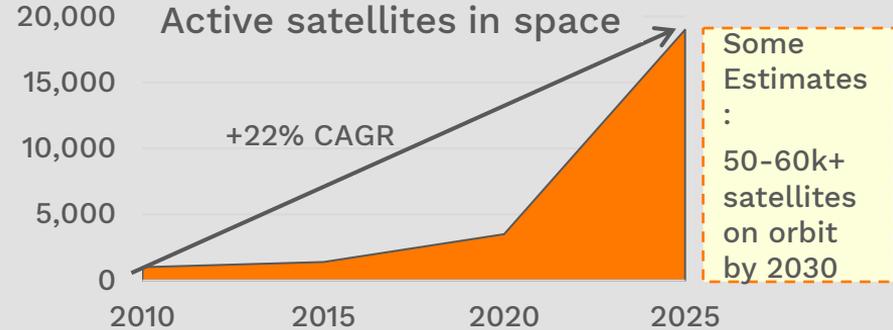
Blue Origin
NASA
SpaceX
Lockheed Martin
McKinsey and Co
Morgan Stanley
Honeybee Robotics

Now Is The Time

It Is Now Possible...



And It Is Now Necessary



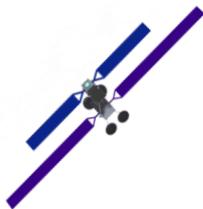
5x more satellites + Strategic interest



This technology is tomorrow's space logistics infrastructure

Otter Missions

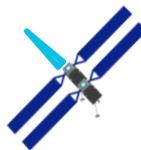
“The ability to safely and cooperatively interact with satellites... would immediately revolutionize military and commercial space operations alike”
— DARPA



Life Extension

Add 5+ years to healthy satellites

Primarily geostationary satellite operators



Satellite Disposal

Limit space debris and keep orbits clear

Primarily low Earth orbit mega-constellations



And More...

A new paradigm for dynamic in-space operations

The Otter Value Proposition



Get more from your satellite with Starfish Space

Pre-launch

1-3 years

Design & production to prepare a satellite.

**Design better knowing the Otter gives you options on orbit.*

Launch

< 1 day

The satellite journey begins by going into orbit!

Positioning

0-3 months

It takes effort to reach your final destination.

**Need help? The Otter can assist in positioning.*

Operations

5-15 years

Time to provide service to people below on Earth.

**Have a problem? The Otter can come inspect.*

Extension

3-5 years

The Otter space tug holds on to help you continue operating.

Disposal

1-6 months

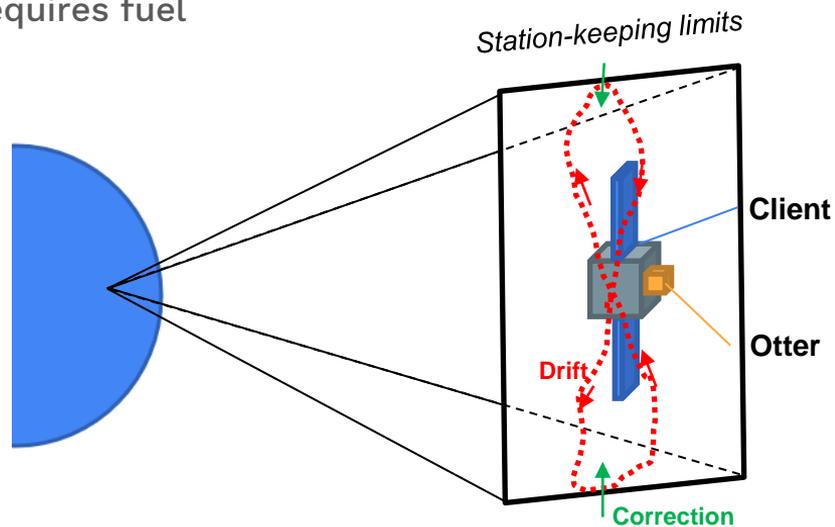
The Otter space tug keeps your orbit clear for future satellites.

Your satellite's lifecycle today

Now available with Starfish Space!

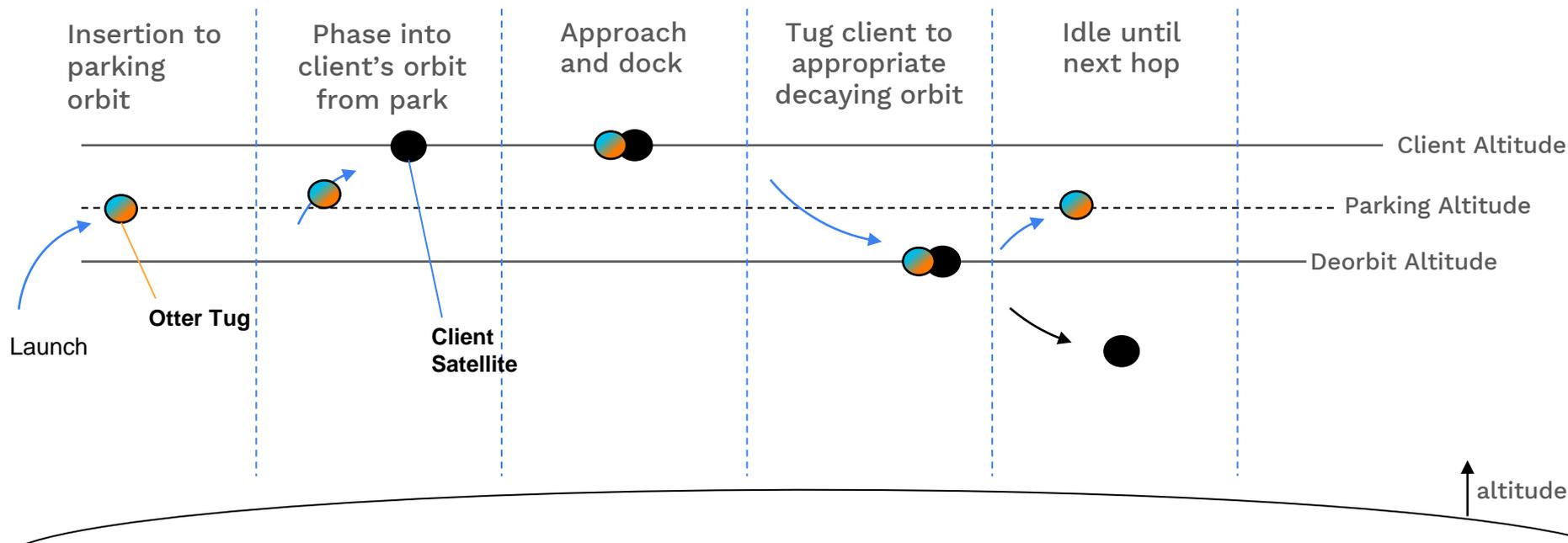
Missions: Life Extension GEO

- Geostationary satellites are desirable because they remain in a fixed position over the Earth
- Gravitational forces and solar radiation pressure tend to push and pull those satellites off this position causing “drift”
- Corrections are made to counteract the drifting, this requires fuel
- Otter’s life extension mission will attach to a client satellite as a booster pack to actively maintain the orbital slot of a satellite
- Otter will provide this station-keeping ability for several years



Missions: Satellite/Debris Disposal LEO

- Dispose of client satellite or debris to clear proliferated orbits
- Otter will relocate them to a graveyard/de-orbit trajectory



A Business Case to Remove Debris?

Active Debris Removal: One solution to troubling space debris... Remove it!

Even if the technology existed, who would pay to remove it?

Our Hypothesis: There are positive economic returns for a business using a space tug to help clean up their constellation of satellites

**Note:* this still leaves other types of space debris unaddressed

Case Study: LEO Constellation

The **optimal end-of-life disposal** strategy is to take a chance with space tugs

- Otter enables satellites to take the risk of operating longer
- When they fail, Otter can remove and replace them with new satellites

Sample Calculation

Assume:

- 100 satellite constellation
- 5-year design life
- 1-year standard deviation on life end

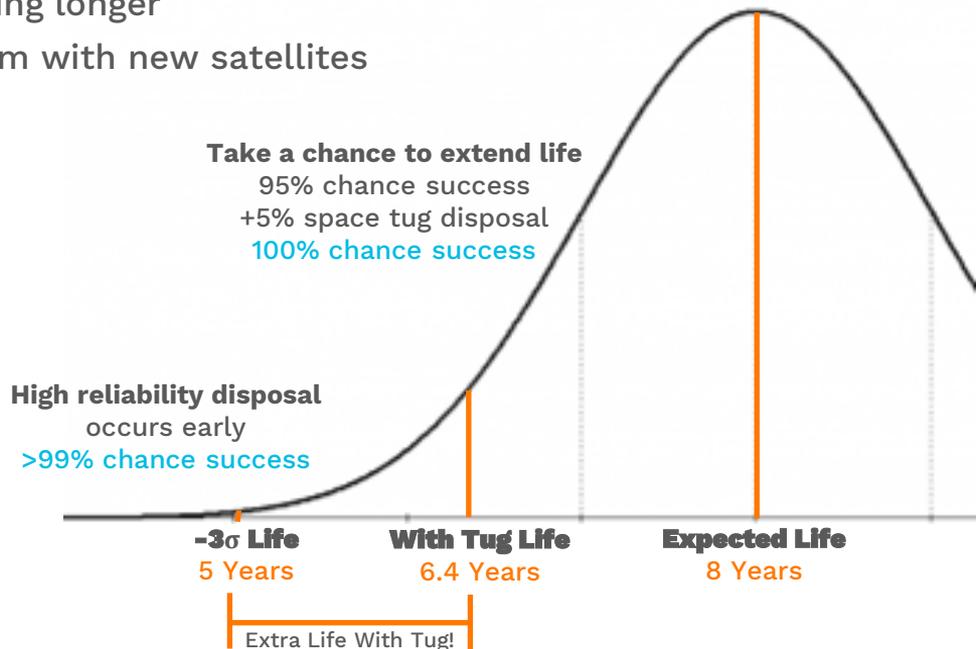
Take a chance:

Operate until 95% chance of successful self-disposal

Optimal Outcome:

- 5 satellites need disposal support
- 95*1.4 extra years

125 extra satellite years



Otter: Affordable and Available Servicing

Servicing in an ESPA-class satellite

Through safe and efficient RPOD



Fast and affordable to build and launch

Enabled by building on small-sat technology



CEPHALOPOD

RPOD Guidance and Control
Testing now!



Nautilus

On-orbit capture
Vacuum chamber testing



CETACEAN

RPOD Navigation
Monte Carlo testing



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